was supplied by the companies last year). Arrangements have already been made with the oil companies for the supply of this quantity. The companies have promised full co-operation and it is understood that the first consignment of diesel oil has already been delivered at Alleppey.

I may add that a programme relating to the supply of oil has already been drawn up in advance by the Special Officer in consultation with the oil companies. I may also tell this Honourable House that a representative of the company who was here a couple of days ago said that this programme will be adhered to.

Paddy purchased from within the State.

47. ***Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai** (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the quantity of paddy purchased by Government from within the State in 1119 ; and

(*b*) the cost incurred for collecting and transporting the same?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : (*a*) 97,72,829 Paras, 7 Edangalies.

(*b*) Rs. 7·55 lakhs.

Settlement pattom.

48. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the press note dated 1st September 1943 is imperative that settlement pattom should be given to Government even if the yield is only just sufficient to meet the cultivation expenses and for consumption at the rate allowed by the Government; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether the cultivator of the above category has to pay settlement pattom and take to ration for the family consumption, by paying more, after receiving less for what he sells?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Every landholder is liable to sell to Government the quota of paddy on the basis of settlement pattom irrespective of his requirements for domestic consumption. If the balance after the sale of the quota is insufficient to meet his full requirements he has to obtain ration under ration card.

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